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Eileen S. Stommes, Deputy Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Stommes:

This letter is to express our opinion about several issues concerning our food supply:

1. **The USDA's considering a change in how the word ORGANIC will be defined:**

We **DO NOT** want genetically engineered foods, foods that have been prepared with irradiation, or foods that have been grown with sewage sludge included in the definition of **ORGANIC**. We want truthful labels on organic products so that we know what we are buying and can make our own choices.

2. **The treatment and feeding of animals:**

Factory farming violates the principles of humane animal husbandry and is in conflict with organic agriculture. We **EXPECT** humane treatment and feeding of animals.

3. **Support of small farmers, certifiers, and processors:**

We also **EXPECT** the creation of a certification fee structure that is accessible to small farmers. It is essential that the fees be set low enough that small farmers, certifiers and processors can participate in the National Organic Program.

4. **Label all genetically engineered products:**

We **DEMAND** labeling of all genetically engineered products. We want to know if a product has been genetically engineered so we have a clear choice.

These are issues of tremendous concern to those of us who are interested in our health as well as our freedom as consumers. We urge you to support the advice of the National Organic Standards Board.

Sincerely,

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CC: Mothers for Natural Law, Dan Glickman, Michael Friedman, Alabama Congressmen

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